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By the QUEEN,

A PROCLAMATION.

ANNE R.

WE taking into our serious Consideration the continued War, in which for the common Safety of our Realms, and for disappointing the boundless Ambition of France, we, with several other Princes and States of Europe, are most justly engaged, and that upon the Success thereof the common Safety and Welfare of our Kingdoms, and the Liberties of Europe, do (under God) wholly depend, have, out of our Religious Disposition, resolved, and by and with the Advice of our Privy-Council, do hereby Command, That a Publick Fast be observed throughout England, Wales and our Town of Berwick upon Tweed, upon Wednesday the Fifteenth Day of March next ensuing the Date of this our Royal Proclamation, that so both we and our People may humble our selves before Almighty God, in order to obtain Pardon for our Sins, and may, in most devout and solemn manner send up our Prayers and Supplications to the Divine Majesty, for imploring the continuance of his Blessing and Assistance on the Arms of us and our Allies, and our and their Forces, both by Sea and Land, and for restoring and perpetuating Peace, Safety and Prosperity to us and our Kingdoms, and the Nations and States in Alliance with us. And for the more Religious and orderly solemnizing this Publick Fast, we have given Directions to our Arch-Bishops and Bishops to compose a suitable Form of Prayer, to be used in all Churches and Chapels, and other Places of Publick Worship throughout the aforementioned Parts of Great Britain, and to take Care for the timely dispersing thereof in their respective Dioceses. And we do hereby will and require, That the said Publick Fast be reverently and decently observed by all our said Subjects, as they tender the Favour of Almighty God, and upon pain of such Punishment as we may justly inflict on all such as shall Contemn or Neglect the Performance of so religious a Duty.

Given at our Court at St. James's the eighteenth Day of February, 1709-10. In the Eighth Year of our Reign.

God Save the QUEEN.

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WE taking into our serious Consideration the continued War, in which, for the common Safety of our Realms, and for disappointing the boundless Ambition of France, we, with several other Princes and States of Europe, are most justly engaged, and that upon the Success thereof the common Safety and Welfare of our Kingdoms, and the Liberties of Europe, do (under God) wholly depend, have, out of our Religious disposition, resolved, and by and with the Advice of our Privy-Council, do hereby Command, That a Publick Fast be observed throughout that part of our Kingdom of Great Britain called Scotland, upon Wednesday the Twenty ninth of March next ensuing the Date of this our Royal Proclamation, that so both we and our People may humble our selves before Almighty God, in order to obtain Pardon for our Sins, and may, in most devout and solemn manner, send up our Prayers and Supplications to the Divine Majesty, for imploring the Continuance of his Blessing and Assistance on the Arms of us and our Allies, and our and

their Forces, both by Sea and Land, and for restoring and perpetuating Peace, Safety and Prosperity to us and our Kingdoms, and the Nations and States in Alliance with us. And we hereby require, That the said Publick Fast be religiously observed by all our loving Subjects in Scotland, as they tender the Favour of Almighty God, and upon Pain of such Punishment as we may justly inflict on all such as shall Contemn or Neglect the Performance of so Religious and Necessary a Duty. Our Will is therefore, and we Charge, That incontinent, this our Proclamation seen, ye pass to the Market-Cross of Edinburgh, and all other Places needful, and there, in our Name and Authority, make Publication hereof, that none pretend Ignorance. And our Will and Pleasure is, that our Solicitor do cause Printed Copies hereof to be sent to the Sheriffs of the several Shires, Stewards of Stewartries, and Baillies of Regalities, and their Clerks, whom we ordain to see the same Published: And we appoint them to send Doubles hereof to the several Paroch Kirk, within their Bounds. That upon the Lord's Day immediately preceding the Day above-mentioned, the same may be Published and Read from the Pulpits immediately after Divine Service.

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WHereas we have been informed, That great Numbers of Seamen and Mariners belonging to our Ships of War, have absented themselves from their Duty, contrary to the Discipline of the Navy, and to the great Prejudice and Delay of our Service, and thereby incur'd great Penalties, which in strictness might be inflicted upon them: But it being our Desire that our Navy be set out to Sea with all the Expedition that is possible, we do hereby Charge and Command all Seamen and Mariners, who have absented as aforesaid, to repair to their respective Ships, by the twenty third Day of March next ensuing. And we do hereby declare, That as we are desirous to give all due Encouragement to such Seamen and Mariners employed in our Service, as shall be found doing their Duty in their several Stations and Employments, so we are resolved to proceed with the utmost Severity of Law against all such who shall disobey this our Royal Proclamation; and therefore we are hereby graciously pleased to declare, That such Seamen who have absented themselves from any of our Ships, and shall render themselves on Board the same, or any other of our Ships of War, or Tender, on Notice of this our Proclamation, according to our Commands herein, shall not be Prosecuted for such their absenting our Service, in order to inflict any corporal Punishment on them; But that all such Deserters who shall not, before the said Three and twentieth Day of March, render themselves on Board some of our Ships of War, or who shall hereafter absent themselves from our Service, without the Leave of their proper Officers, shall be Prosecuted at a Court-Martial with the utmost Severity, and being found Guilty of Deserting, at this time when their Country so much wants their Service, they shall be deemed unworthy of our Royal Mercy, and shall suffer according to Law.

Given at our Court at St. James's the Eighteenth Day of February, 1709-10. In the Eighth Year of Our Reign.

God save the QUEEN.

St. James's,